

October 26, 2018

Dear Parents,

I heard lots of good things about the color run last weekend, even though it was very cold. It seems like everyone had a great time.

I have included another paper telling about the lesson that we have been working on with our Second Step. This week we have been focusing on following directions. I am sending these home as a follow up and so that you can practice the activities at home. If you want to send the paper back you can, but don't feel you have to .

I hope you have been hearing about our new unit in our Readers Workshop that we have been working on. It is about our Super Pointer Powers. The students have power pointers which they have been learning how to use and how their reading muscles are growing. They have been practicing pointing to one word at a time which is very challenging if it is a long word. They could continue to practice at home using a popsicle stick, eraser on the end of a pencil, etc. They are enjoying this a lot. I wear my Super Reader cape during readers workshop which they enjoy. We are having a lot of fun with this program and the children are growing a lot. I am anxious to see where they grow to by the end of the year.

In Foundations, the students learned another new letter this week, which was g. We continue to practice the letter, key word and sound with each letter. They have learned the difference between a vowel and consonant. We have learned about the letters: a,b,c,f,g,i,m,n,o,t,and u.

In math, we have learned another new activity to practice skills in our math centers. This is which numeral will win. The students are enjoying this activity a lot and they get to practice writing numbers at the same time. It is a lot of fun for them.

Next week, we will have a small celebration with the other kindergarten class for Halloween. If you would like to send something in to share please let me know. We had sent something home last week, but hadn't heard from anyone. We had suggested the following: juice boxes (easier than juice and cups), paper products, cheese/crackers, popcorn, fruit/veggies/dip, sweet treat, goodie bags if a couple of people wanted to do together. Just let me know if you would like to do anything. Thanks! Remember, no costumes/makeup are allowed at school during the day and candy is not allowed for snacks after the holiday. **I am sending home UNICEF boxes for trick or treating. Please return them after Halloween or if you don't use them please return them anyway as they can be used in future years. This is something Mr. Burriss has done for many years at White River School. Thanks for the support of this activity.**

I have a few people who I will be contacting about conferences as I did not receive their confirmation back and I need to let the office know my conference schedule. Thanks to all of you who returned the paper sent home last Friday.

I am sending home towels today to be washed.

I will soon be talking with you about our upcoming annual Thanksgiving Feast. Our students look forward to this tradition each year.

Upcoming Events:

November 1: Early Release-Parent Conferences, students will leave two hours early.

November 2: Parent Conferences-No school for students

November 8: PTA 6:30

November 12: No School

November 16: Picture Retake Day

November 21-23: Thanksgiving Break

December 1: PTA Craft Fair- 9-2

December 6: Winter Concert K-5, 6:30

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing all of you at our conference next week.